

REMARKS

This communication responds to the Restriction Requirement dated March 21, 2008.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner required restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I. Claims 2 and 4-8, drawn to a cannula system comprising a support having a thread on an outer surface and a thread running an opposite direction of the first thread arranged on the outer side of the support and a cap engageable with one of the treads;

Group II. Claims 9-17, drawn to cannula support comprising a protective cap having latching elements on the cap and the support which cooperate to create a latching connection in such a way that there is no connection between the elements;

Group III. Claim 18, drawn to a method for covering a cannula;

Group IV. Claim 19, drawn to a needle cover having a needle support having a cam and an inside surface with an inside thread, an inner cap, an outer cap, a left-handed thread, and an outer cap;

Group V. Claims 20-26, drawn to a cannula system comprising a support having a first portion having a diameter different than the size of the second diameter..

The Applicants hereby elect Group I, encompassing claims 2 and 4-8.

Claims 9-26 have been withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If it would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the number provided below.

If payment is needed for entry of the response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1420 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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